

## 1998 Tropical Cyclone Fatalities

There were more than the typical number of tropical storms and hurricanes in 1998, with 14 named storms: 10 hurricanes and 4 tropical storms. On average, there are nine named storms, six of which become hurricanes. Hurricanes/tropical storms caused 9 deaths in 1998, compared to the 30-year average, 24 fatalities. Seven of the deaths (78%) occurred in a boat or in the water. Six of the victims (67%) were males and 3 (33%) were females. Tropical Storm Frances caused the most U.S. deaths—3 fatalities in Texas—and produced damage in the amount of \$229 million. Florida suffered 4 fatalities from two tropical cyclones: Mitch and Earl. Hurricane Georges cost Puerto Rico \$1.7 billion in damages.

### 1998 TROPICAL CYCLONE FATALITIES BY STATE AND LOCATION

<u>STATE</u>	<u>BO</u>	<u>BU</u>	<u>IW</u>	<u>LS</u>	<u>MH</u>	<u>OT</u>	<u>OU</u>	<u>PH</u>	<u>SC</u>	<u>VE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
AL	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
FL	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
NC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
TX	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	2	0	5	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	9
<b>PERCENT</b>	22	0	56	0	0	0	11	11	0	0	100

### 1998 TROPICAL CYCLONE FATALITIES BY AGE AND GENDER

	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>UNKNOWN</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>
0 TO 9	0	0	0	0	0
10 TO 19	1	0	0	1	11
20 TO 29	0	0	0	0	0
30 TO 39	0	2	0	2	22
40 TO 49	1	0	0	1	11
50 TO 59	0	1	0	1	11
60 TO 69	0	1	0	1	11
70 TO 79	0	0	0	0	0
80 TO 89	0	0	0	0	0
90 TO --	0	0	0	0	0
UNKNOWN	1	2	0	3	33
<b>TOTALS</b>	3	6	0	9	99*
<b>PERCENT</b>	33	67	0	100	

(\* Due to rounding total does not equal 100%)

#### LEGEND

**BO** - Boat  
**BU** - Business  
**IW** - In Water  
**LS** - Long-Span Roog  
**MH** - Mobile Home  
**OT** - Other/Unknown  
**OU** - Outside Open  
**PH** - Permanent Home  
**SC** - School  
**VE** - Vehicle